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POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EAST GERMANY CALLED
KEY PRODUCERS IN USSR REARMAMENT PLAN

Berlin, 10 March (TT-Reuters) -- The USSR has prepared an extensive rearmament plan for Eastern Europe, a plan in which East Germany will play a significant role, German economic experts in Berlin report.

These experts have carefully studied economic reports from Czechoslovakia, Poland, and East Germany -- the three most highly industrialized countries in Eastern Europe, not counting the USSR. They assert that the USSR has set up three main sources of elementary armament supply. The first of these is the steel and coal region of Upper Silesia; the second is the Czech-Polish border region in the vicinity of Oswiecim, where, with the help of large credits granted by the USSR, a power plant network capable of providing power to armament plants in both countries has been established; and the third is the coke-producing region of Moravia.

Information which has slipped out from the three countries -- particularly in consequence of the great purge in Czechoslovakia -- forms the basis for the following conclusions reached by the German experts: Poland is to be converted into the arms producer in the broadest sense, while Czechoslovakia will manufacture special products, such as jet engine parts, and East Germany will be assigned the job of producing diesel engines, marine engines, truck and tractor motors, and spare parts for these.

Recently, the Soviet occupation authorities in East Germany have double-tracked the railroads in certain East German industrial districts. Previously, one of the tracks of all the double-track railroads was torn up and sent to the USSR as war reparations. Now the single-track railroads are no longer adequate for the increased freight traffic to the east.

It is said that the political purge in East Germany, begun in January, was motivated in many cases by the fact that individuals in the economic administration complained that the East German economy was too weak to cope with the additional burden imposed by arms production.

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